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Report Highlights:

According to media reports, authorities in Venezuela's western state of Tachira have placed a temporary suspension on swine imports from Colombia as a preventative measure against "swine flu."

General Information:

Venezuelan State Suspends Swine Imports from Colombia

According to press reports, authorities in the state of Tachira, which forms part of Venezuela's western border with Colombia, have temporarily suspended imports of swine from that country to "prevent the entry of swine flu."

According to the president of the regional swine producer's association, Mr. Bayron Perez, this

action was taken even though it is understood that Venezuela does not import a significant number of swine from Colombia. Movement of swine between farms is prohibited, and neither people or animals are allowed to enter these farms to prevent transmission of any diseases. Further, he mentioned that this measure will stay in place until a health commission formed to stop the entry of swine flu allows for trade to restart.